

Year 3 - Spring Term 2024



Happy New Year!



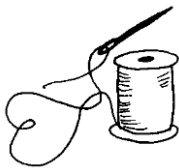
We hope you had a great Christmas break.

We would like to welcome Mrs Wheatley, who will be teaching in 3F on a Thursday, and Mrs Collins, who will be teaching a half a day in 3C on a Thursday and in 3SH on a Friday.

Looking Back at Autumn Term

The children had a fantastic first term in year 3.

They enjoyed participating in a range of activities linked to the Chinese Moon Festival, had fun practicing and performing their Christmas assembly, and learnt what it was like to live during the Stone Age period through our Stone-Age day.



Children developed their ability to sew and created some impressive stockings, using a range of stitches.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the adults that came into school to help the children complete their sewing activity.

Reading

Last term, the children enjoyed working towards their targets for Accelerated Reader. Children have been set new targets for this term; if they achieve them, they will receive a certificate and be entered into a raffle to win a book. Progress towards the targets can be reviewed by looking at their rocket after completing each quiz.

We would like to remind you that children can now quiz on their books at home, using the link - <https://ukhosted30.renlearn.co.uk/2048880/default.aspx>

During our whole class reading sessions, classes are currently enjoying the following books:

- 3F – Bill's New Frock
- 3SH – Lost Species
- 3C – Firework Maker's Daughter



Please can we take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of reading at least 5 times a week. This should be recorded in your child's reading record.

English

Throughout the term, we will continue to extend the children's knowledge and enjoyment of a range of genres including:

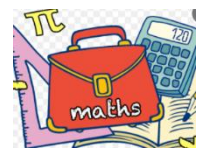
- Narrative written in third person
- Non-chronological report
- Instructions
- First person narrative descriptions
- Performance poetry



Maths

Whilst building on prior knowledge from the autumn term, this term the children will also learn:

- Unit 6 – Multiplication and division
- Unit 7 – Length and perimeter
- Unit 8 – Fractions
- Unit 9 – Mass
- Unit 10 – Capacity



History

Next half term, we will begin learning about Romans. This topic will be split into two parts, our Spring Term focus will be on the Roman Empire.



Science

This term during their science lessons, the children will be learning about 'Animals, including Humans'. They will learn about the importance of a healthy, balanced diet, so this is the perfect opportunity to remind you that children are only allowed fruit or vegetables as their playtime snack.

After half term, we will be learning about 'Plants'. As part of this learning, we will be visiting Rushmere Heath on Thursday 14th March - a letter will be sent out in due course with further details.

Handwriting and Presentation

This term, we will continue to focus on our handwriting and presentation. Please ensure whenever your child completes any learning at home, they do so, using a sharp pencil and a ruler where necessary.

Children are encouraged to not use a rubber, but instead to cross out neatly with a single line.

All handwriting should be joined in line with our PenPals handwriting scheme.

P.E. and Games

This half term, indoor PE will be taught by Mrs Newland on a Wednesday morning.

3F and 3C will have their outdoor PE on Mondays, whilst 3SH will have theirs on a Tuesday.

Whilst the weather is cold, please ensure your child has a warm jumper and tracksuit bottoms to wear outside during PE.

We also ask that earrings are not worn on these days. If earrings do need to be worn, then the children need to bring in tape to cover them.



Geography

This half term, our geography learning will focus on 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes'. The children will learn about the formation of the Earth and how this can cause earthquakes and volcanoes, locating them on maps.



Homework

Following the success of last half-term's 'bingo' homework, children have been given a new set of activities linked to their learning this term. We ask that a minimum of one activity is completed a week. Children should bring in their blue homework books on Monday mornings for these to be checked by their class teacher and will be returned home by the following day.

TT Rockstars

In preparation for their statutory multiplication check in Year 4, children are asked to practise their times-tables as part of learning at home; TT Rockstars and mathsframe give them a method to practise in an interactive way. Their times tables will be monitored by the class teacher. Children have been given log-in details for TT Rockstars and these can be found on their reading records.



We would like to thank you for your continued support.